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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING A THIN-WALLED
ARTICLE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2002 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1 lines 4-9, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The present invention relates to a method for manufacturing a thin-walled article, wherein a single- or multi-component, essentially polymer-based material, such as plastics, elastomers, and/or the like, is sprayed in an electrical field in an electrically charged state.

Page 4 lines 4-31, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The most important advantages offered by the apparatus of the invention include technical reliability in its operation and function. Another advantage offered by the apparatus of the invention is that a mould included therein, which is removable/separable from an article to be manufactured and which is either negative and/or positive, depending on a given article to be manufactured, renders it possible to manufacture most diverse products. In a preferred embodiment of the apparatus, it is also possible to utilize treatment blocks, included in the mould